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Prospects for the Musical Clubs.

A very ambitious schedule, which bids fair to be definitely arranged, has been made up for the remainder of the Musical Club's season. Since the Utica concert was so successful the manager has been emboldened to arrange this. All that remains in the way of the five-day mid-term trip is the consent of the faculty. This consent it is understood and hoped will shortly be obtained. The first concert will be in Clinton toward the last of January. Should the faculty allow it, the clubs will in all probability leave Clinton on Tuesday, February 5, giving a concert that night in Oneida. From there they will go to Syracuse and give a joint concert with Syracuse University, the arrangements for which are now under way. Then north to Watertown, giving a concert there on the 7th; turning back from there they will sing in Carthage and Lowville. This will bring the clubs back in Clinton in time for chapel on Sunday morning.

The next concert will be in Junior Week on February 14. A concert in Little Falls will be given on February 22, and about this time negotiations may be completed with Colgate for a joint concert followed by a dance in Utica.

During Easter vacation the longest and most ambitious trip ever attempted by the Hamilton clubs will surely be arranged. According to present plans the clubs will leave Clinton the day college closes, March 29, and appear in either Herkimer, Johnstown or Gloversville Saturday night. Arrangements have been completed with the Union Musical Clubs for a joint concert in Schenectady. Sunday will be spent there. Monday night a con-

cert will be given in Albany under alumni management.

Amherst has written us asking for a joint concert at Northampton which will be given them Tuesday, April 2. The next night will be in Hartford with Trinity. From thence to either Tarrytown or Ossining, and from there to New York for Saturday night. This concert will be under the management of the New York alumni and will in all probability be held in the huge ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria. Sunday the men will rest up in New York. Monday night in Binghamton under alumni management. Tuesday in Oneonta, returning to Clinton on Wednesday for the opening of college. About forty men will be taken for the entire trip. This number will be made up, however, of only those who show a decided and faithful interest in the work during the term. The present makeup of the clubs follows: 1st tenor, Massee, '07, Simmons and Fitch, '08, Osborne and Getman, '09, Coupe, '10; 2nd tenor, Weekes, Cody, Williams, Beck, '08, Smythe, '09, W. Stone, '10; 1st bass, Allen, Scoon, Hoyt, '07, Rifenbark, '09, Searles and Titus, '10; 2nd base, Bagg, '07, White and Morgan, '08, Spencer and Leavenworth, '09, Dounce, '10; Simmons, '08, leader. The makeup of the Instrumental Clubs is as follows:

First mandolin, Trippe, Massee, Hemenway, Jerome, '07, Holley, Riggs, Allen, '08, Barber, '10; second mandolin, Swetman, '07, Fitch, Jones, '08, C. E. Leavenworth, '09, W. H. Stone, '10; guitar, Spencer, Getman, '09, L. E. Leavenworth, Renwick, '10; violin, Love, Hoyt, '07, Joralemon, '08, Brasted, Brown, '10; flute, Clark, '09; clarinet, Bagg, '07, Wilson, '09; cornet, Love, '09; traps, Adams, '08; piano, Allen, '07.

Three Notable Banquets.

AT BINGHAMTON.

Dr. Stryker attended the alumni dinner given in Binghamton during the vacation. He made one of his customary forceful speeches. In the course of this he said that he would never leave the college but would go down with his flag nailed to the mast, firing guns from every deck. He also fixed three hundred as the maximum number of students for the college. It was a highly delightful affair and one of the things which keep the old Hamilton spirit ever warm in the hearts of her sons.

The banquet of the Hamilton Alumni Association of Binghamton was held on New Year's night in the Arlington Hotel. Dr. Stryker was present. College song books were on hand and the banquet was opened by the singing of Carissima. During the evening many of the songs in the book were sung. Six undergraduates were present and about thirty others. After the menu toasts were given by the following men: Harry Mintz, '01, Orville T. Fletcher, '92, Frederick Welsh, '92, Earl M. Clark, '07, John Alison, '92, Dr. F. W. Putnam, Eddy R. Whitney, '89, and Pres. M. W. Stryker, '72. Col. Charles H. Hitchcock, '79, presided as toastmaster. A number of the older alumni spoke of the great change in the appearance of the college campus but all believed that the same spirit pervaded the college as when they were undergraduates. Dr. Stryker in his address made mention of the strong faculty he now had and also the small salaries they were drawing. Earl M. Clark, '07, spoke for the undergraduates. He praised the present Hamilton College spirit and also the way in which the college

was being managed. The banquet closed with yells for "Prexy" and the toastmaster. During the banquet a letter to Dr. Root, expressing sympathy at his recent illness, was passed around and signed.

AT SYRACUSE.

On the evening of Thursday, December 27, the Central New York Alumni Association held its annual banquet at the New Rathskeller in Syracuse. At this time the New York State Principals' Association was in session at that city, and about forty principals of high schools in the state were present. The toastmaster read a letter from Dr. Oren Root, of the faculty, regretting his inability to be present. A letter was passed around and signed by all present wishing Dr. Root holiday greetings. Toasts were given by Dr. Little, '78, Dr. Bartlett, '52, S. M. Dada, '49, Dr. Fitch, '86, E. J. Ward, '02, Supt. of schools in Watertown, Prof. Tisdale, '88, and others. Copies of "Songs of All the Colleges" were on hand and the college songs were sung. The banquet broke up with the long "rah" yell.

AT CHICAGO.

The Hamilton Alumni Association of the Middle West held its annual banquet at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, on December 27th. Dr. Stryker represented the college. Addresses were given by the Rev. Her- rick Johnson, D. D., '57, Speh, '05, Dr. Stryker and others. A quartet composed of Simmons, '08, Purdy, '06, Henry (Chicago '06), and Rendalls (Kenyon '06) sang selections. Purdy and Henry also sang solos. The standing of the college in the past and her present position were favorably commented on. Many old alumni were present and several recent graduates, the total attendance being about fifty.

The "Lit." Critique.

The appearance of the December *Lit.* in the midst of exam. week has delayed this brief review until the present issue, which puts us in the unfortunate position of having to comment on a well-thumbed number which the college has already read thru and thru

and doubtless known by heart. And a mighty good number it is—perhaps the best and most thoroly satisfying issue which has been dumped on our tables in the last few years. Much of it is very good (which is worthy of note), and none of it is absolutely hopeless (which is also worthy of note).

Let us begin with the verse. We confess a downright partiality for Baum's Xmas Song, which occupies the first page. Certainly the most pleasing thing he has done, it is strongly suggestive of Kipling, and Kipling at his best, Kipling of "The Recessional" and "The Vampire." Lloyd Stryker's "Sorrow" is something of a disappointment, perhaps because we have learned to expect better things from him. Several of the quatrains are of that satisfying quality which makes them linger in the memory, but the poem as a whole lacks something of the grace and music of his tribute to the "Victory" in the fall *Record* and much of that color and warmth which have made his writings stand out as bright spots in the humdrum of a college *Lit.* And then Dounce, the perennial, has a poem, a Ballade de Noel, which is altogether pleasing. Superficial? Yes, perhaps, but still alive with the rhythmic swing which passes easily enough for classic verse in that big crowd of the uninitiated to which the present scribe must reluctantly admit that he belongs.

His story is peculiarly clever. "The Vulture" is one of life's heartbreaks, with the high lights and deep shadows of the tragedy deftly sharpened by little touches of irony which the author has welded with no little skill. In critical analysis we would point out that the "Vulture" lacks body and completeness, that the theme is too big for such fragmentary handling. But it is unusually artistic, even more so, we feel, than "The Colonel" of the November number. Paul Williams' "Duffy" is delightful. He must write some more. Why hasn't he done so all along? "Duffy" isn't a story; it isn't artistic; it lacks to a distressing degree those vital qualities of unity and coherence, anent which Mr. Babcock used to babble. But it is funny—characteristically funny, a deliberate

reflection of its author's unctious humor.

Aleck Osborn turns up at last with another story. They are always good, tho he has done far better than his most recent effort. He has the undeniable art of simple narrative—which many a more ambitious writer lacks. That is, he can tell a "plain, unvarnished tale" without lugs and without effort; often with a quaintness that is almost Balzacian. We hope he will develop it and develop it here.

Haven's K. P. appears; doubtless we shall have them all in time. We own that we were highly gratified to find that the Board of the *Lit.* had so admired Captain Holley's paper on the "New Football Rules" as to reprint it in the December number. However, albeit we are not copyrighted, surely it it would have been editorial courtesy to have marked it "Exchange" or somewhere in the issue to have credited LIFE with its publication. We always did like the article. Will the *Hamiltonian* print it, we wonder?

On the editorial page is a paragraph whose gushing and syruplike style sounds strangely familiar. Inasmuch as it was palpably levelled at us we girded up our editorial loins and got all ready to retort, when behold and lo! what was there to retort to? Dear, guileless reader, nothing whatever. We may be sadly obtuse and this self-same paragraph craftily subtle, but on the surface it would seem to lack pith and likewise point.

And so we shut up the issue with a friendly and approving pat for whoever is doing Criticus, and pause to speculate on the personae of next year's *Lit.* Board. Simmons and Woolcott (these two), will be left at the helm. In 1908 Williams Laird and Adams have possibilities which they can develop before May. In 1909 there is Baum, Leavenworth and Osborn. In 1910 there is Mr. Dounce, of Syracuse. Since the *Lit.* can be made rather by quality of contributions than by quantity, there is ample time for new lights to rise and shine. And Dunwell's departure from college leaves a vacancy in the managership which ought to bring out a number of competitors from among the Juniors. The *Lit.* managership offers opportunities of legitimate graft which is a fat thing in good hands.

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A CLASS memorial should be kept as carefully and as sacredly as the memory of the class. Whether it is a monument or building. The class of 1905 gave to the college the expensive and well-built football bleachers standing on Steuben Field. With care they should last a long time and preserve usefully the memory of their donors. In their second year they are neglected. They are left standing in the weather, unpainted, and left to rot. Is that the way to treat a gift? They will have to be taken down in the spring for baseball. It seems only right that they should have been taken down before the winter weather set in. Besides from a practical point of view, we want those bleachers as long as they can be made to last.

WHEN New South is opened next year, unless the Freshman class is large beyond all expectation, Old North will be almost deserted. The finest of the old dormitories it is the last to fall into disuse. It is a souvenir of earlier days, when everyone did his time at the wood pile and all the water came from the old well. It is

the only place in college now where life is free from restraint. Rough-house as much as you want to, you can do no harm. We would not like to go back to the time when Old North was the best place on the Hill to live, but we will be sorry to see it go. It is a link with the past. It commemorates the time when education was a rarer thing than now, and men worked a great deal harder for it.

THE SAYING THAT THE "exception proves the rule" is reversed when applied to our Wednesday chapels. Instead of it being the exception that a man breaks on the stage and therefore we have good speaking, it is the exception that an appearance is finished and therefore we have —. Last week, in one of the sections, two out of seven appearances were delivered without a break. Occasionally, when a cold or a throat bothers a speaker, there is an unavoidable and excusable mistake; but when appearance upon appearance is spoiled by lack of commitment, then there is no excuse. Moreover it is slovenly to appear with a declamation half learned and shows disrespect to the chapel. Formerly an appearance was severely criticised for "breaking" and the man never cared to appear again without proper preparation. Now a man is not even criticised for this. What's the matter? Can we not have a chapel once in a while without a break?

ARE our half holidays becoming a thing of the past? The statement of a member of the faculty that this august body has decided that Wednesday afternoon is no longer to be recognized as a holiday certainly points in this direction. Last fall the college was considerably surprised when it learned that 2 p. m. Wednesday had been chosen as the time for one section of required chapel, but tho surprised it took the change without serious objection, believing that the faculty had a good reason for this step and would not push it any farther. When, however, at the end of last term the report went around that Saturday afternoon as well as Wednesday afternoon was to be taken for required work the

college was so aroused that a petition was presented asking that this action should not be taken. This petition was effective in as far as it or some other influence, prevented our ruling body from placing the work on Saturday, but strange to say it failed in another direction. The Wednesday 2 p. m. chapel remains, and furthermore the same division of Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen (the latter half of each class) is expected to appear, as that which had this hour last term, and again, this same division will have same hour next term. When appealed to on the ground of unfairness for half of each class to have every Wednesday afternoon taken up while the lucky other half goes free the entire year, the faculty replies: "Oh, well, next year we will take the latter half of the alphabet first, it is too much trouble to make the change now for each term." Very well, but how about this year's Juniors who are fortunate enough to have their names begin with the letters N to Z? Why, of course they would approve of the system. Next year they will have no Wednesday chapel!

Always before this both Wednesday and Saturday afternoons have been considered by the college as legal half holidays. True it is that occasionally an elective has been placed on one of these afternoons, but that is different; the fellow electing it can take care that some other afternoon is left free. One day, or its equivalent, off each week is none too much. Other institutions have it. We have had it till now. Why then thus radical change? Out of the thirty-six regular hours of recitation during the week it seems strange that we cannot find time for chapel even if it is thought best to make two divisions. Let's have these two times when we can count on the fellows being free to go to games, have pictures taken, hold meetings, or do any of the other many things that demand the attention of all.

—The football "H" certificates are out. Those receiving them are: Spencer, Schwartz, Swetman, Williams, Kuolt, Cody, Leavenworth, Barrows, White, Holley, McLean, Welch, Thomas, Wilson and H. P. Osborn.

Lectures.

There will be held weekly during the term in the chapel a series of travel lectures. The first of this series will be given on Wednesday, January 16, at 8 o'clock. The subject will be "Egypt", by Dr. Davenport. The substance of this and other lectures will be the account of personal travel. All lectures will be profusely illustrated by lantern slides. The course comprises in all six lectures. There will be no lecture Prom. week or during the week that the Musical Clubs are away on their trip. The subjects and lecturers: "Athens", by Prof. Ebeling, "Rome", by Prof. H. Ward, "Constantinople", by Dr. Wood, "Florence", by Prof. Shepard, "Holland", by Prof. Morrill. The expense for the course will be fifty cents per attendant, or twenty-five cents for a single lecture. After expenses are paid, the balance will be turned over to the Athletic Association, which will handle the tickets. At each lecture a short printed bibliography of six references bearing on the subject to either the college, Clinton or Utica libraries. These are to be suggestive of reading only—of reading not too heavy—which some of the fellows may wish to do supplementary to the lectures.

1904 and the World.

Year after year passes and class after class leaves this old Hill and the home of their college days. Some leave better college records than others, but all go out to uphold the reputation of Hamilton among the other colleges of the United States. Nineteen-four has now been absent from these halls, and been in the "cold world" for nearly three years. What are they doing?

Many are studying law. Lown and Bastian, at the Harvard Law; M. Davis, at Yale; Ehret, at Columbia; Ferguson, at New York; and Smith, in a Utica law office. Some, too, have already been admitted to the bar, and are now practicing their profession: Dowling, in Utica; Miner, in Poughkeepsie; and Nauat and Brandt are in the law department of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York City.

Beckwith is a chemist in the United States Department of Agriculture, and McGaffin is studying medicine in the Albany Medical. Toll took a post-graduate course in Philosophy at Harvard, and is now traveling in Greece, Egypt and other Eastern countries. Wicks is also traveling around the world with President Hall, of Union Theological Seminary.

Some have taken as their life's work the ministry. White and Soper are in the Union Theological Seminary, and Post is a minister in Oneida Castle.

Nineteen-four has furnished its full quota of teachers. Wood is the school commissioner of Steuben County; Ehman is teaching in Indiana; Hotchkiss, in the Philippines; Davis, at Mt. Vernon; C. Davis, in the western part of the state; Schermerhorn, at Batavia; and Sisson is principal of the Vernon High School.

The men of this class who are in business are many. Carr and Carter are with the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of Brooklyn; Wills is in the Manufacturers and Traders Bank in Buffalo; Sherman, in the Utica Trust & Deposit Company; and Knox, with the Rochester Trust Company; Bristol, Edgerton, Pratt, Smith, Abbot and Evans are with electrical companies. Collins is in the Patent Office at Washington, and Seiter is in the Revenue Cutter Service. Strickland, Dowling and Tibbits are in business. Judd is in the New York Stock Exchange, and Hutton is in a broker's office in New York.

In almost all the branches of active life of the world, nineteen-four is represented, but wherever each one may be, he is striving to do his best. LIFE wishes the men of this class continued success in all their efforts.

Those Sticklers.

Pasters were out in all their glory the last of exam week. There was the flashy green paster and the glaring red paster. Sophomores and Freshmen alike locked their suit cases in their trunks. But strange to say some keys will fit more than one lock. The Freshmen were first on the scene and Thursday night succeeded in purloining a

number of Sophomore suit cases and secreting them. Friday morning the Sophomores found them red—luridly red. They also had been busy with their little "O, Lord how fresh" signs and many members of both classes took their suit cases home well colored.

New South.

It will pay anyone to visit New South. The rooms on the entry towards the Chapel are nearly ready for occupancy. They are finished in the same colors as those in Carnegie, except that the mantles are all the same design, of glazed brick. The floors are of hard maple. The building is wired for electricity. The general plan is the same as Carnegie except that the halls are longer. There are no private bathrooms. There is a large lavatory with shower on each floor instead. The rooms in the tower are reached from the south entry.

Calendar.

Sunday—10:30 a. m., College chapel, speaker, Dr. Stryker; 4:30 p. m., Y. M. C. A., Association meeting.

Monday—4:30 p. m., Instrumental Club; 7:15 p. m., Glee Club; 7:30 p. m., basket-ball.

Tuesday—4:30 p. m., Instrumental Club; 5 p. m., basket-ball.

Wednesday—7 p. m., Freshman prayer-meeting, Glee Club; 7:30 p. m., basket-ball.

Thursday—4:30 p. m., Instrumental Club; 7 p. m., Sophomore prayer-meeting.

Friday—7:30 p. m., Glee Club.

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College Notes.

—Sicard, '06, was on the Hill this week.

—Earl Clark, '07, has not yet returned to college.

—Prof. Ibbotson spent the holidays at Richfield Springs.

—A son was born to Prof. and Mrs. Miller, December 31.

—"H" caps may be ordered from Williams, '08, No. 2 North.

—Prof. A. C. deRegt, of Rutgers, was at home on College Hill last week.

—C. T. Stone has left college. He will probably return for the spring term.

—The Freshmen, in class meeting, have chosen navy blue and gray as class colors.

—Scoon, '07, goes to Ithaca on Jan. 16th, to take the Rhodes Scholarship examinations.

—Bagg, '07, was a delegate to Sigma Phi convention held recently in New York City.

—Prof. Fitch and H. B. Ward were in attendance at the state educational conferences last week in Syracuse.

—Cody, '08, requests that it be printed in "LIFE" that he has never missed a "dink" day since he came to college.

—Richard U. Sherman, '05, has accepted the assistant professorship of mathematics, to take immediate effect.

—Arnold Shencklin, Consul-General to the Republic of Panama, spent last Sunday on the Hill, a guest of Dr. Root.

—The standing of the Freshman "LIFE" competition is as follows: Glover, Titus, McMath, Cross, Engs, Lloyd.

—The College Quartet and six members of the Instrumental Club performed last Thursday night at the banquet of the Skenandoah Club.

—Prof. Davenport recently addressed a gathering of prominent educators held at Providence, R. I., under the auspices of Brown University.

—Junior Whist started for the term last evening at the Alpha Delta Phi Hall. A feed was set up and the fellows voted it a good shindig.

—President Stryker came back from Binghamton to open chapel last week Friday. The delinquents made haste to reach the campus the day before.

—Professors Brandt and Shepard attended the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America held at Yale during the holidays.

—Prof. Root's leave of absence has been extended to cover this term, as his health, tho improving, does not permit of his assuming his accustomed duties.

—Prof. Miller has declined the offer of a permanent position on the U. S. Geological Survey, but has accepted a vacation appointment for summer work in Iowa.

—His favorite topic, Socialism, this time applied to "The Man With the Hoe," was the subject of Prof. E. J. Ward's address before the Y. M. C. A. of Clinton recently.

—The January *Record* tells of Hamilton's first, last and only crew. It raced Yale on Lake Saratoga in the seventies. Dr. Cadwell, '76, explains how a "crab" upset calculations.

—The following men from the class

of 1907 are eligible to write Clark Prize orations: Allen, Bagg, Earl Clark, Day, Grossmeyer, Hoyt, Kuolt, Massee, Meeker, Schwartz, Barrows, Gilbert, Gordon, Love, Peck, Scoon. The first ten are prize speakers.

Basket-ball Schedule, 1906-07.

Some changes have been recently made in the basket-ball schedule, and the revised schedule follows:

Dec. 1.—Hamilton 60, Waterville Y. M. C. A. 9, at Clinton.

Dec. 8.—Hamilton 25, Utica Free Academy 20, at Clinton.

Jan. 12.—Rochester at Rochester.

Jan. 18.—Union at Clinton.

Jan. 23.—Syracuse at Syracuse.

Jan. 26.—Rochester at Clinton.

Feb. 7.—Princeton at Clinton.

Feb. 16.—Auburn Theological Seminary at Clinton

Feb. 22.—Colgate at Hamilton.

Feb. 25.—Williams at Williamstown.

Feb. 26.—Wesleyan at Middletown.

Feb. 27.—Brown at Providence.

Feb. 28.—Union at Schenectady.

Mar. 4.—Colgate at Clinton.

The Rochester Game.

Today Hamilton begins the inter-collegiate season by meeting Rochester on her own floor. They have a strong team this year and our team will have to hustle to beat them. We won from them twice last year, however, and if the team plays its game we ought to win. The probable line-up follows:

Right Forward, Kuolt.

Right Guard, Henderson or Hopkins. Center, Wilson.

Left Forward, Welch.

Left Guard, Smith.

Assistant manager Williams will take the team on this trip. The team leaves Utica at 2:15 and returns Saturday night in time to miss the last car.

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